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Date of Interview: 28 January 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Sano.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative claimed that the prior art reference is different from the invention in that the invention comprising selectively adjusting a depth of periodic modulation of the intensity of the optical signal, arguing that the signal is always on in a given slot. Examiner pointed out that applicant does not differentiate the claim from the prior art references. The prior art reference selectively changes the modulation "duty ratio" which in turn changes the modulation depth of periodic modulation of the intensity of the optical signal. Therefore, the prior art references reads on the claim of the application with its broadest reasonable interpretation.